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by deleting all language after the caption and by substituting instead the following:

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers must face the rigors of human conflict daily to bravely protect those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, a number of these officers are disabled and maimed in the line of duty, and others suffer physical impairments and other disorders caused by the hazards of their professional calling; and

WHEREAS, each year a significant number of these courageous officers lose their lives while protecting their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that officers who have dedicated their career to the service and protection of our citizens be afforded ample services and opportunities upon the completion of their law enforcement career; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the department of safety is hereby urged to conduct a study on the establishment of a pilot program to offer comprehensive programs designed to provide resources to former law enforcement personnel and to help them achieve their educational and career goals. In conducting its study, the department of safety shall consult with the department of veteran affairs, the department of health, the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities, the department of labor and workforce development, the department of human services, and any other agency the department of safety deems necessary.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the study will concentrate on health care, education, rehabilitation services, housing, disability benefits, access to to court programs that assess specific needs, such as veterans court, and occupational preparation, including, school-based training, community-based training, employment, and vocational training.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in conducting its study, the department shall also review information from a variety of sources, including, input from stakeholders, such as state and local law enforcement officials, family members, and advocates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department shall report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the judiciary committee of the senate and the criminal justice committee of the house of representatives by February 8, 2015.